

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims are not amended.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's withdrawal of the previous rejection.

The new rejection over Arai (JJAP 2005) is traversed.

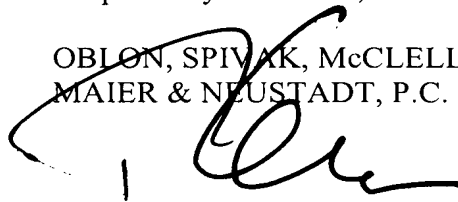
Arai was published in 2005. The present application has a U.S. filing date of August 27, 2004, via PCT/JP04/12378. In addition, the present application claims priority to Japanese patent application 2004-054035, filed February 27, 2004. Applicants have attached hereto a verified English translation of their Japanese priority document, thereby perfecting priority to February 27, 2004.

As Applicants can and do rely on their claim to priority herein, and as a verified English translation of the Japanese priority document is filed herewith, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the outstanding rejection over Arai, as Arai does not qualify as prior art against the present application. Arai has been applied as both anticipating and rendering obvious of the present claims, but as the reference does not qualify as prior art herein these rejections should be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Accordingly, and in view of the above and the attached verified English translation, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and early notification to this effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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